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## Man Convicted of Killing Girlfriend, Unborn Child in Compton

A 23-year-old man was found guilty today of killing his girlfriend and her fetus in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury deliberated for a day before finding Devion Keith Anderson of Compton guilty of two counts of second-degree murder in case TA131363.

Anderson is scheduled to be sentenced March 26 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton, Department P. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 30 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Adrian Roxas, who prosecuted the case, said on the evening of Dec. 23, 2013, deputies received a 911 call from a family member at Anderson's home.

Authorities were told the defendant may have killed and buried his 18-year-old girlfriend, Maria Gonzalez, the prosecutor said.

When deputies arrived, they discovered freshly dug dirt in the backyard. After excavating the area, authorities found the girlfriend's body, the prosecutor added.

A few hours later, Anderson surrendered at the Compton sheriff's station.

The prosecutor said that during Gonzalez's autopsy, authorities determined the victim died by strangulation and she was 14 weeks pregnant at the time of her death.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.